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80 Warriors Seek Cage Jobs

More than 80 basketball aspirants turned out for opening practice sessions at Wakefield high school the first of November, of which coach Robbie Robinson expects to keep from 12 to 14 top performers in comprising the varsity team. Last year the Warrior cagers compiled a 12-6 record, playing junior varsity and Group II teams, as the squad was in it's sophomore year.

Three of last year's starters return to the fold, with six of eight lettermen on hand to give the Green and White a more experienced club. Starters Don Richards and John Gibson will man

the guard positions, while Warren Watson will return to the center post. Other lettermen include guards Steve Holderness and Butch Varden along with forward Henry Mayo.

New talent will have a strong bearing on the Warriors outcome for the 1954-55 season, with two juniors and two sophomores joining the squad. Dan Myers, transferred from Washington-Lee, will lend a helping hand, but only after February 1, as he is ineligible in his first semester. Tom Head is the other new face among the juniors, in his initial year at Wakefield, having moved to Arlington from Panama. Ray Regan and Al Lederle are the two sophomore hopefuls, Ray a new face from New Mexico, while Lederle will continue his efforts from Thomas Jefferson junior high last year.

Junior varsity coach Maynard Halthecock will pick the top 15 players missing out on the varsity, and will provide "Robbie" with talented reserves if and when needed.

Opening date for the Warrior cagers is set for December 10 against the George Washington junior varsity, with three other tilts scheduled before the Christmas holidays, against Richard Montgomery on the 14th, Annandale on the 17th, and George Mason on December 22.

Coach Robinson had only to say, "We will have to practice hard for the coming season, but have a promising group which will give Wakefield followers plenty of good basketball in the coming cage season." The Warrior coaches have been holding practices daily since November 1st, and the squad has been cut almost to the prespective limit.